Estimate (BE). Revised Estimates for 1998-99 are not yet available.

(d) Planning commission has proposed various measures including streamlining of tax administration, removal of various exemptions and rationalisation of subsidies to raise revenue.

Recommendations of National Task Force on Information Technology

1360. SHRI S. PETER ALPHONSE:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Task Force on Information Technology constituted by the Prime Minister has submitted its report to Government.

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations given by the Task Force;

(c) whether government has considered the recommendations; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION. (SHRI RAM NAIL): (a) Yes, Sir. The National Task Force on Information Technology and Software Development has suibmitted two reports viz., (i) Information Technology Action Plan dated 4.7.1998 and (ii) Information Technology Action Plan, Part-ii Development Manufacturer and Export of Information Technology Hardware dated 26.10.1998.

(b) In the case of first report, the Task Force has made 108 recommendations aiming to accomplish (i) Infrastructure Drive, (ii) Target IT Export of $ 50 billion and (iii) IT for all by 2008.

The recommendations of the second report mainly related to Sortware Bonded IT (S.BIT) Units, Fiscal and Financial Policies, Export Investment and Reserve Bank of India related issues; Banking, Company & Labour laws, IT product Design and Development.

(c) and (d) Government has already accepted the first report and has issued the Gazette Notification No. IT-IT/5/98 dated 25.7.98.

The second report is under consideration.

Completion of projects

1361. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the progress of ongoing projects in Maharashtra in terms of physical and financial targets during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, project-wise;

(c) the details of projects from Maharashtra pending for consideration clearance;

(d) how soon these projects are likely to be completed; and

(e) the details of surveys undertaken/ completed for projects in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION. (SHRI RAM NAIL): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) There are 66 projects costing Rs. 20 crore and above presently under implementation in various sectors. Statement based on the status upto June 98 is given in the Annexure [*see Appendix* 185, *Annexure No.* 37]

(c) There is no central sector project pending for consideration in the State of Maharashtra.

(d) Projects are being funded according to their priority matching with the latest commissioning schedules:

(e) There are 23 Railway projects which are under survey. Details are given in the encolosed Statement

Statement

Projects under surveys

S.No.	Name of Survey	Length	(in Target Kms.)
1.	New line from Wardha-Pusad-Nanded	260	30.11.99
2.	New line from Solapur-Tuljapur-Osmanabad	60	31.12.99
3.	New line from Ramtek to Gotegaon via Khawasa, Seoni and Dhuma	240	31.10.99
4.	New line from Manmad to Dhule via Malegaon	90	31.7.99
5.	New line from Kolhapur to Ratnagiri on Konkan Rly. via Talwade	120	30.9.99
6.	New line from Kalyan to Ahmednagar via Murbad	204	31.12.98
7.	New line between Pune and Nasik	212	31.3.99
8.	New line between Chinchwad and Roha	95	31.7.99
9.	New line Wadsa-Gadchiroli	75	31.8.99
10.	New line Beed-Jalna	100	30.6.99
11.	Gauge Conversion of Umere to Nagbhir	90	31.5.99
12.	Gauge Conversion of Pulgaon-Arvi with extn. to Amla	154	31.5.99
13.	Gauge Conversion of Pachora-Jamner with extension upto Ajanta caves by construction of a 5 Kms long line	61	30.9.99
14.	Gauge Conversion of Naghbir to Nagpur NG & BG lines	126	31.10.99
15.	Gauge Conversion of Chinwara-Nagpur NG & BG lines	150	31.8.99
16.	Third line between Wardha and Betampalli	241	31.3.2000
17.	Quadrupling of Pune-Lonavla	64	30.4.99
18.	Doubling of Nardana-Amalner section	28	30.6.99
19.	Doubling of Kolhapur-Pune	326	30.9.99
20.	Doubling of Daud-Bigwan-Gulbarga	272	31.3.2000
21.	Coaching terminal at Dadar		31.3.99
22.	Mumbai area-Optimisation and rationalisation of maintenance facilities and preparation of Master Plan integrated development of rail infrastructure		31.3.99
23.	Feasibility of Emu terminal at Pune/ Lunavala and other traffic facilities including relocation of Pune Good Shed.		28.2.99

शहरी क्षेत्रों में जीवन यापन दर में बढ़ोतरी

1362. **श्री बरजिन्दर सिंह::**
श्री कपिल सिब्बल:

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश के शहरी क्षेत्रों मे जीवनयापन से संबंधित व्यय में जुलाई, 1998 तक गत वर्ष की इसी अवधि की तुलना में 13.1 प्रतिशत की बढ़ोतरी आंकी गई है;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो सरकार का इस संबंध में क्या आकलन है;